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Feb. 27, 1922.

Mrs. Ada T. Ralls,

Keuka, Fla.

Dear Madam:

For many years we have tried to maintain a full file of descriptive catalogues from those engaged in the American seed trade. These catalogues are of great use to us in our investigations, and our library of seed catalogues is being used more and more by investigators and by seedmen themselves. It is now one of the largest collections of such literature in existence.

Will you be kind enough therefore, to send us two copies each of all your descriptive catalogues of field, vegetable and flower seeds and bulbs, for the current year. One copy is for office use, one for our Department library file. These publications may be sent postage free under the enclosed frank. Please mail to the exact address below.

Very truly yours,

*D. N. Shoemaker*  
Horticulturist,

U.S. Dept. of Agriculture,  
Washington, D. C.



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Mr. J. H. Miller

St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed for you are two copies of a report on the  
fruiting habits of the various species of the genus  
Ficus which have been collected in the Philippines  
by Mr. J. H. Miller. The report is a preliminary one  
and is intended to give you a general idea of the  
fruiting habits of the various species. It is not  
intended to be a final report on the subject.  
The report is divided into two parts. The first part  
gives a general description of the fruiting habits of  
the various species. The second part gives a list of  
the species which have been collected in the Philippines.  
The list is arranged in alphabetical order. The first  
column gives the name of the species. The second  
column gives the name of the collector. The third  
column gives the name of the locality. The fourth  
column gives the date of collection. The fifth  
column gives the number of specimens collected.  
The sixth column gives the number of specimens  
which are now in the Herbarium of the University  
of California. The seventh column gives the number  
of specimens which are now in the Herbarium of the  
University of Michigan. The eighth column gives the  
number of specimens which are now in the Herbarium  
of the University of Wisconsin. The ninth column  
gives the number of specimens which are now in the  
Herbarium of the University of Illinois. The tenth  
column gives the number of specimens which are now  
in the Herbarium of the University of Pennsylvania.  
The report is a preliminary one and is intended to  
give you a general idea of the fruiting habits of  
the various species. It is not intended to be a  
final report on the subject.



Rallsmere, Mannville, Fla. (or Keuka, I March 31, 1922.

Mr. D.N. Shoemaker,  
U.S. Dep. of Agriculture,  
Washington, D.C.

My dear sir:

I trust you will pardon the delay in answering your two very kind letters with the enclosed request for a catalogue of my seeds and plants.

Your first was not answered for the reason that I was contemplating getting out a catalogue. But I have delayed the same as I am under process of standardizing my wonderful hybrids by a rigid adherence to a perfect type by seed selection-please read enclosed circular.

I am devoting almost my entire time to growing these hybrids, and to an improved bell pepper; an improved tomato, both sports from these hybrids; and a salad and seasoning pepper, which is a cayenne pepper crossed with the hybrid pepper-tomato.

When my catalogue is issued, will take pleasure in sending you the two copies requested.

I am also growing the citrus fruits, pecans, etc., and hope to be able to have on hand a small nursery by next season.

Possibly you might be interested in my boll weevil remedy that came to me thru a relative who was negotiating with the U.S. Government to try out his remedy, when suddenly stricken with death. After many years of experimental work, he claimed it entirely effective. I have some Government cotton now in its third year of







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growth, and not a weevil. This section has been abandoned as to cotton production on account of the entire losses from the weevils.

A farmer in Cotton News, who accidentally stumbled on two of the ingredients of my cousin's Remedy, made nine bales to three on the same acreage, where it was used, and not used.

Thanking you for the interest contained in your letters, I am

Very Sincerely,

*Probably ✓ Miss Ada J. Ralls.  
Kureka, Mo.*

